

Supporting the health
and education of children
and youth in northern
India, Nepal and Tibet
since 1962



TRAS President's Report for April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

Welcome

Thank you for coming to our 61st annual general meeting. Once again, I'm really grateful for your ongoing support for improving the health and education of children and young people in Nepal, northern India, and Tibet.

TRAS exists because there are people here in Vancouver, and elsewhere in Canada, who want to help people in the Himalayas. Instead of sending people overseas to do the work, we work with local non-profits in the region, who know what the most important needs are on the ground.

Activities

Daphne Hales, our Projects Director, will be presenting a project report

Lynn Beck will present a report on the TRAS Scholarship Fund.

I'd like to present a report on the TRAS sponsorship program, prepared by Joanne, our office manager. TRAS members currently sponsor 114 Tibetan children in the northern Himalayan region (72 girls and 42 boys), and we thank those members for their support and commitment. Since the beginning of the sponsorship program in 1964, TRAS sponsors have helped over 785 children. In 2023 we had 9 students graduate. In addition, 1 left school to become a monk, 1 left to join the army to help support his family, and 2 children from the Tibetan Women's Center in Rajpur received free placements.

The Himalayan region is both spectacularly beautiful, and at the same time, one of the poorest regions in the world. Sponsorship enables these children to receive an education and well as learn the Tibetan culture and language. Do you want to help give as many of these children as we can a chance to grow up healthy and with enough education to improve their lives and those of their families and communities? If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact Joanne at 604-224-5133.

Organization

In June, we had a dinner at Mount Everest Kitchen & Grill. It was great being able to catch up in person!

Kate McInnes, who joined the TRAS board during Covid, has had to step down. She's going to be studying in Oxford, England for the next couple of years. Thank you to Kate for all her work writing for the newsletter and website!

I'd like to thank a number of people who keep TRAS running:

- Joanne MacLeod, our hard-working Office Manager.
- Our volunteer Board of Directors.
- Our volunteers.
- Our donors - the work that TRAS supports in the Himalayas happens only because of your generosity!

Best regards,
Russil Wvong
TRAS president
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